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Applicant(s): Fumio TAKAO et al

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ACTUATOR DEVICE HAVING A
CONDUCTIVE MEMBER...

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 13-18 with the following:

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The multilayer piezoelectric actuator device further comprises a pair of conductive members 3 coupled to the external electrodes 2, respectively. Each of the conductive members 3 is made of a metal foil such as a copper foil and extends in the stacking direction to be spaced from and faced to the side surface of the multilayer structure 1.

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